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SERIAL: DIADIN 139-16A
SUBJ: PAKISTAN: AIRCRAFT DOWNED. (U)
DOI: 19 MAY 86 (AS OF 1740 EDT)
TEXT: 1. PAKISTANI F-16S SHOT DOWN AN INTRUDING AFGHAN
SU-22/FITTER OVER PAKISTANI TERRITORY ON 17 MAY.
2. WHILE PERFORMING ROUTINE COMBAT AIR PATROLS, TWO F-
16S ENGAGED FOUR AFGHAN AIRCRAFT ON A BOMBING RAID NEAR PARACHINAR.
THE PAKISTANIS FIRED THREE AIM-9L MISSILES, STRIKING TWO OF THE
AIRCRAFT. ONE OF THE GROUND-ATTACK FIGHTERS CRASHED 7 KM SOUTHEAST
OF PARACHINAR AT JALANDHAR, AND THE OTHER, REPORTEDLY ON FIRE,
ESCAPED ACROSS THE BORDER. A PAKISTANI AIR FORCE RECOVERY TEAM WAS
AT THE WRECKAGE SITE, AS WERE SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE PRESS.
3. COMMENT: IT WAS THE SECOND CONFIRMED SHOOTDOWN OF
AN AFGHAN AIRCRAFT BY F-16S. HOWEVER, IT WAS THE FIRST AFGHAN
AIRCRAFT TO CRASH IN PAKISTANI TERRITORY. ON 12 APRIL AN AIRCRAFT
WAS HIT, BUT IT CRASHED IN AFGHANISTAN. BOTH SHOOTDOWNS WERE
CARRIED OUT IN AN AREA OF REPEATED BORDER VIOLATIONS, CONFIRMING
ISLAMABAD'S WILLINGNESS--WHEN THE MEANS ARE AVAILABLE--TO RESIST
SOVIET AND AFGHAN PRESSURE ON THE FRONTIER.
4. ISLAMABAD PLAYED DOWN THE PREVIOUS INCIDENT, BUT THE
PAKISTANIS SEEM TO BE ENCOURAGING PUBLICITY FOR THE RECENT
SHOOTDOWN, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF ITS TIMING AND SINCE THE DOWNED
AIRCRAFT IS IN THEIR HANDS. THIS INCIDENT TOOK PLACE JUST AFTER
THE EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT UN-SPONSORED PROXIMITY TALKS ON
AFGHANISTAN WAS ANNOUNCED IN GENEVA. ISLAMABAD WILL TRY TO
CAPITALIZE ON THE INCIDENT WITH WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY TO GAIN
LEVERAGE FOR ITS BARGAINING POSITION AT THE NEGOTIATIONS. ALTHOUGH
PRESS REPORTS STATE THE INCIDENT WILL DISRUPT THE TALKS, PAKISTAN
HAS ANNOUNCED ITS PARTICIPATION WILL CONTINUE.
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